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11-30 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are still a large number of questions to be answered and we have got only 30 minutes more."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, on a personal explanation."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member state what he wishes to say ' by way of personal explanation '."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Did the students represent . . ." (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is no personal explanation. I pass on to the next question."

Nationalization of electricity undertakings.

* 196 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to take over under their management any private electricity undertakings during the current financial year and if so, how many ; and

(*b*) whether the managements concerned have been informed of the probable date after which the Government will take them over ?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No undertaking will be taken over in the current year under the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1954.

" (*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*a*)."

* 197 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals pending with the Government to take over any concerns under the provisions of the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1954 ; and

(*b*) if so, which concerns ?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have decided to acquire the undertaking of the Palghat electric licensee and a notice has been served on the licensee fixing the 1st April 1955 as the date on which the undertaking shall vest in the Government under the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1954. The question whether any other undertaking should be acquired in the near future under the above Act is under examination."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any private electricity undertaking in South Kanara district will be taken over by the Government in the near future ? "